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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

I know my waistline has increased during the past few weeks from all the graduations, birthdays, first communions, and family get-togethers. Cake and ice cream is one of my downfalls. Congratulations to all the 2003 grads and to all those who are advancing to the next grade level. Good luck to all of you!

By now most of you have read or heard that we have been awarded a \$500,000 grant to help finance our senior community center at Freedom Park. Representative Jon Draud was very instrumental in getting the grant on our behalf. Jon, many thanks for your help and I know the facility will be used by many in the years to come. I'll have more information on the senior community center in the next newsletter.

Mr. J.R. Cassidy, of the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra, has advised us that we tied with the city of Fort Thomas in the City Night competition. Our city will be rewarded with a free concert on July 1, featuring the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra's Floodwall Jazz Quintet. This performance is an addition to our Presidents Park Tuesday Evening Summer Concert Series. The series runs every Tuesday evening from June 10 through August 26, all performances begin at 7:00 p.m. and are free to the public.

This year's 4th of July will be a spectacular day, filled with lots of fun, family activities. One new feature to this year's celebration is the addition of a mist lane for the 5K. A fire truck will be located near Hinsdale school and will offer runners and walkers an opportunity to cool off with a light mist for the final stretch. Please read on for more information on all the 4th of July activities.

Patience is the only word I can use for the Dudley and Turkeyfoot Road construction. We have been advised that our section is moving very quickly and will be one of the first sections to be finished. It's hard on all of us, but once the road is finished it will be worth the inconvenience. You may consider going in and out of the city via Thomas More Parkway, Horsebranch Road or down Dudley to Route 17.

With summer approaching, please drive with care so everyone can enjoy fun in the sun. I hope to see you at one or more of the events.

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RECREATION RAP

by Kim Wolking, Recreation Director



4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

5K RACES

The 26th Annual 5K Race will begin at Presidents Park at 8:00 a.m. The race includes divisions for both runners and walkers. There will be a children's fun run immediately following the 5K. Anyone interested in participating can pick-up a registration form at the city building or register online at www.sprunning.com. We need many volunteers to work the race, distributing water, timers, etc. Please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910 if you can volunteer.

A special thanks to this year's race sponsors: Bank of Ky, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Panera Bread, Kroger, Northern Kentucky Water District, Otis Spunkmeyer and Alpine Water.

PARADE

The Annual 4th of July Parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. Participants can assemble in the Kmart lot at 8:45 a.m. The parade route will be the same as last year. This year's theme is "Hometown Heroes". In honor of our "Hometown Heroes" we are inviting any Edgewood veterans or active personnel to be this year's Grand Marshals. Anyone interested in being a Grand Marshal should call the city building by Friday, June 27. Plaques will be awarded to the Best Original Entry, Best Performing Entry and Best Entry Honoring the Theme. Anyone interested in entering the parade needs to contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910 to reserve a spot by June 27.

*** Welcome House of Northern Kentucky will be conducting a food drive during the parade. Welcome House is a non-profit agency serving individuals of Northern Kentucky who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. They have an Emergency Assistance pantry to assist with food and personal care items. During the summer months, the pantry shelves tend to be a little bare. Representatives of Welcome House will

be walking the parade route to collect non-perishable food and personal care items. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. ***

TOURNAMENTS

Softball – A coed one-and-out recreational tournament will begin at noon. Entry fee is \$40.00. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners. Registration forms are available at the city building. Entry deadline is June 23.

Volleyball – A coed sixes and doubles tournament will begin at noon. Entry fee is \$15.00 for doubles and \$30.00 for sixes. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners. Entry forms are available at the city building. Entry deadline is June 23.

CONCERT AT FREEDOM PARK

There will be a free concert featuring "Elaine and the Biscaynes" from 7:00 p.m. until the fireworks begin. Come early and enjoy the music! Concessions will be available.

FIREWORKS AT FREEDOM PARK

And of course I have saved the best for last! Prepare yourself for the best fireworks display around. Zambelli International is planning a spectacular display for us. The fireworks begin at dusk. Bring a blanket and come early!

*****RAINDATE FOR THE FIREWORKS IS SATURDAY, JULY 5*****

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ROAD CLOSURES

8:00 AM-5K Run Presidents Park, Dudley Road, Thomas More Parkway

10:00 AM-Parade K-Mart, Dixie Hwy, Edgewood, Lyndale, Turkeyfoot, N.Colony, Creekwood, Madonna, Marie, Royal Windsor, Edgemar, Dudley to Presidents Park.

6:00 PM-Fireworks Freedom Park – Dudley Road between Village and Brookwood will be closed to vehicle traffic.

PERSONAL USE FIREWORKS -0- Tolerance Policy

For those who choose to use personal fireworks in and/or around Freedom Park between 6:00 PM and the close of the evening festivities, please remember to bring bail money for court on July 5th. The Police Department is committed to protecting this annual community treasure from irresponsible behavior and unnecessary tragedy.

TUESDAY EVENING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The concert series is held at Presidents Park and all concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.

The series is as follows: June 10-Florence Community Band, June 17-Face-Rock, June 24-Swing Time-Big Band, July 8-Florence Community Band, July 15-Artist of the Century Productions "Kyle Ryan as Elvis", July 22-Swing Time Band, July 29-Sound Body Jazz Orchestra, August 5-Florence Community Band, August 12-Cincinnati Metropolitan Band, August 19-Six Pac, and August 26-Mistics

**A special thanks to this year's sponsors
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about any of the performances please call Kim
Wolking at 331-5910.**

WB64'S FREE FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKS

On Friday, July 18, WB64 will bring "Lilo and Stitch" to Presidents Park. The event will include live entertainment, interactive games, activities and the movie all in one great evening. The events will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the movie starting at dark. We are expecting a large crowd for this event and would like to ask people near the park to walk. Please save the enclosed flyer.

FREE FAMILY CAMPOUT

The Annual Family Campout at Presidents Park will be held on Saturday, August 9 (rain date August 16). Set-up begins at 6:00 p.m. Activities will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring your tent and supplies to Snow Field and enjoy a night under the stars. We'll supply the family entertainment. This event is for Edgewood residents only and is limited to the first 100 families to register. This award-winning event is a lot of fun so please R.S.V.P. early. See the enclosed flyer or call Kim Wolking at 331-5910 for further information.

MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUES

The Recreation Department is offering a Men's Flag Football League on Saturday mornings beginning September 6th. The league will run through October. Entry fee is \$200. Registration deadline is August 22. Entry forms are available at the City Building. If you have any questions please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

JUST A REMINDER-SWEEPING LITTER INTO GUTTERS

94.04 – No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street, or other public place within the city the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter. **(THIS INCLUDES GRASS CLIPPINGS)**

2003-2004 STREET REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS

by Stan Goetz, General Services Director

The following streets will be going out for bid in June: New Orleans Dr. from Colony Dr. to Colony Ct., Balsam Ct. from Larkspur Dr. to 3065 Balsam Ct., Carimel Ridge from Madonna to and including the cul-de-sac, Village Dr. from Ridgetop Way to and including the cul-de-sac, Vincent Ct. from Kinsella Dr. to and including the cul-de-sac, Ashley Dr. from Lyndale Rd to Marcel Dr., Beth Ct. (asphalt overlay) from Fawnhill Dr. to and including the cul-de-sac and White Oak Dr.

Our Public Works Department will be repairing potholes and doing rehab on streets not listed. We hope you will be patient until we can complete this work.

2003 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 5th annual National Night Out Safety Expo will be held on August 6th 2003 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Freedom Park. Hosted by the Edgewood Police and Fire Departments, the event is an opportunity for area residents to view public safety equipment and interact with public safety professionals. A variety of fire apparatus, police vehicles, helicopters, and specialized equipment will be on hand. There will also be demonstrations such as police canine, police mountain bike, and SWAT. We look forward to seeing you there.

Citizens Police Academy

The 3rd class of the Kenton County Regional Citizens Police Academy graduated at Thomas More College on Tuesday, May 20th. Four residents of Edgewood were among the graduates. Congratulations to Jason Beetz, Kathy Gadd, John Kuhn, and Charles Shaffer who completed the 12-week course.

Academy classes are usually held in the spring and fall of the year. Anyone who would like to attend a future class, please contact Chief Kramer at 331-5911 or via e-mail at ahk@edgewoodky.com.



FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

by Public Education Officer
Joe Stambush

SAFETY WITH FIREWORKS

With the celebration of the nation's birthday coming up, it is once again time for a few safety tips about fireworks. First, where can you buy them legally? They can be purchased from retail outlets and stands that are licensed by the State Fire Marshal. These stands are inspected by the fire department to insure that no illegal fireworks slip through. One objective, of course, is to avoid personal injury and the damaging fires caused each year by fireworks. The other objective is to avoid having children buying illegal fireworks such as bottle rockets and firecrackers from someone selling these items from their car.

It has been recognized for years that fireworks, for all their patriotic associations, present a very serious safety hazard. Deaths, blindings, amputations, and severe burns have all too often been the result of fireworks misuse. Fireworks should be used only with extreme caution. Used carelessly, they can cause painful, possibly severe, injuries. Before using fireworks make sure they are permitted in your state or local area. Many states and local governments prohibit or limit Class C fireworks, the most common fireworks and firecrackers sold for consumer use. To assist you in using fireworks safely, here are some recommendations:

- Do not allow younger children to play with fireworks under any circumstances. Remember, fireworks are not toys for young children. The sparkler, considered by many to be the ideal "safe: firework for the young, burns at a very high temperature and can easily ignite clothing. Children do not appreciate the danger involved and rarely act correctly in case of an emergency. Each year the "innocent sparkler" burns many bushes and lawns.
- After a sparkler is out, place it in a bucket of water! The core wire remains hot for some time. A young child grabbing the core wire can suffer a serious burn instantly.
- If you permit older children to use fireworks, be sure they use them only under close adult supervision. Do not allow any running or horseplay while they are being used.
- Before using any fireworks, read the label and follow all warning instructions.
- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from houses and flammable materials, bushes, grass, gasoline cans, etc.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and for dousing fireworks that don't go off. Never handle or try to relight fireworks as they may unexpectedly ignite.
- Check your surrounding area. Make sure you do not have any people in range of your fireworks.
- Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container. These are amateur grenades that could put you in a hospital or worse.
- Check the instruction for safe storage of fireworks and follow them. Storage conditions do make a difference.

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TURKEYFOOT ROAD CONSTRUCTION

The reconstruction of Turkeyfoot Road from Dudley to Lindenwood began earlier this year. The project, which will widen the road to two lanes in each direction with a center turn lane, is scheduled to be completed in May 2004. During the construction, delays are unavoidable and are obviously to be expected. The state highway department and the general contractor have vowed to keep delays to a minimum to avoid as much inconvenience to the motoring public as possible.

We suggest that, if possible, you take an alternate route to avoid the construction area and prevent subjecting yourself to delays. If that is not possible, try to recognize that delays are inevitable and give yourself some extra time for your commute. Often, leaving as little as 5 minutes early will prevent you from getting into a traffic jam. If you do find yourself in a traffic back up, we ask for your patience and remind you to remain attentive to driving. We have seen a huge increase in the number of traffic accidents on that portion of the road since construction began. Most of them have been minor fender benders that resulted from driver inattention in stop-and-go traffic. When accidents occur, it further slows traffic, greatly compounding an already difficult situation.

Again, we ask your patience and driving vigilance during the construction project. Please recognize that all of the partners in the project are striving to limit inconvenience to the public, but delays are inevitable.



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